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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO TUNISIA

REF: A. USNATO 3673 B. TUNIS 3717

1. OUR VIEWS ON PROPOSED NATO SHIP VISIT TO TUNIS REMAIN
ESSENTIALLY AS STATED REF B. IN SHORT, VISIT IN OCTOBER,
WHICH WOULD NOT COINCIDE WITH ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE,
WOULD MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT VISIT WOULD COME UNDER ATTACK
FROM TUNISIA'S NEIGHBORS TO GOT'S PROBABLE EMBARRASSMENT.
THIS POSSIBILITY NEVERTHELESS EXISTS EVEN IN OCTOBER. NATO
VISIT -- FIRST SUCH VISIT TO NON-NATO COUNTRY AND OBVIOUSLY
THEREFORE FIRST IN ARAB WORLD -- WOULD INEVITABLY ATTRACT MUCH
ATTENTION TO NATO ACTIVITIES IN MEDITERRANEAN AND TO TUNISIA
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ITSELF. THERE WOULD CERTAINLY BE FAR MORE PUBLICITY FOR SUCH

A VISIT THAN FOR ROUTINE SIXTH FLEET VISITS HERE, INCLUDING RECENT VISIT OF USS INDEPENDENCE WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY BRITISH DESTROYER HMS GLAMORGAN (TUNIS 4442 NOTAL).

2. LATTR VISIT WAS INDEED SUCCESSFUL AS USNATO CORRECTLY POINTS OUT. IT WAS PLAYED HERE AS JOINT US-UK VISIT, ALTHOUGH THIS EMBASSY AND UK EMBASSY REQUESTED SEPARATE CLEARANCES FROM GOT FOR VISITS OF EACH SHIP. MOREOVER, SINCE HMS GLAMORGAN WAS ATTACHED AT TIME TO SIXTH FLEET, THIS WAS REALLY ANOTHER SIXTH FLEET VISIT (THOUGH OBVIOUSLY ON LARGER SCALE) AND NOT NATO VISIT AS SUCH.

3. AS WE STATED REF B, TUNISIAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME VISIT AS INDICATION OF NATO INTEREST IN TUNISIA. OTHER TUNISIAN HIGH OFFICIALS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE RESERVATIONS AND WOULD BE MORE CONCERNED BY ADVERSE REACTIONS IN ARAB WORLD AND AMONG OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES.

4. ESSENTIALLY, THEREFORE, WE STILL HAVE RESERVATIONS REGARDING VALUE OF THIS VISIT FROM POINT OF VIEW U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH TUNISIA AND ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IF DEPARTMENT NEVERTHELESS FEELS THAT BENEFITS COULD ACCRUE FROM NAVOCFORMED VISIT FROM POINT OF VIEW NATO SOLIDARITY, WE STILL RECOMNTND THAT USG AT LEAST NOT TAKE LEAD WITH GOT IN PROPOSING THIS VISIT.
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